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SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE SITREP NO. 1

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1. GROUP CALLING ITSELF "MOVEMENT FOR FREE MOZAMBIQUE,"
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COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF WHITES, IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TAKE-

OVER OF MOZAMBIQUE TO BLOCK TRANSFER OF POWER TO FRELIMO-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT.

2. GROUP TOOK OVER TWO LOURENCO MARQUES RADIO STATIONS SEPTEMBER 5 AND ORGANIZED RALLY IN FRONT OF CITY HALL ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED 30,000, ALMOST ENTIRELY WHITE. PEOPLE AT RALLY WERE IN FESTIVE MOOD, SINGING "GRANDOLA", SONG USED AS SIGNAL TO LAUNCH APRIL 25 COUP IN LISBON, SHOUTING "UNITED MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE WILL NEVER BE SOLD," WAVING PORTUGUESE FLAGS, AND MAKING VICTORY "V" SIGNS WITH FINGERS. RALLY WAS WELL-ORGANIZED AND THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENTS.

3. GROUP ALSO RELEASED DGS AGENTS BEING HELD IN LOURENCO MARQUES PRISONS, WHO HAVE BEEN TOLD TO GO TO FORMER DGS HEAD-QUARTERS TO HELP GROUP IN ITS OPERATIONS.

4. GROUP APPEARS TO HAVE SUPPORT OF LARGELY WHITE POLITICAL PARTIES FICO, PSD, AND FEDERALISTS BUT CLAIMS TO BE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH MAJORITY BLACK PARTIES, INCLUDING FRELIMO. GROUP ANNOUNCED THAT PORTUGUESE EX-COMMANDOS ARE ON WAY FROM SOUTH AFRICA (SEE REF A), IT HAS SENT DELEGATION TO LISBON, AND PLEDGED ITS ALLEGIANCE TO GENERAL SPINOLA.

5. GROUP IS CONSTANTLY URGING OVER RADIO POPULATION OF ALL RACES REMAIN CALM AND HELP CONSTRUCT FREE MOZAMBIQUE. THUS FAR, ACCORDING TO GROUP, THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEATHS OR INJURIES AS RESULT OF GROUP'S INITIATIVE.

6. PORTUGUESE MILITARY FORCES AND POLICE HAVE THUS FAR MADE NO ATTEMPT TO OPPOSE GROUP, EVIDENTLY WITH AIM OF AVOIDING BLOOD-SHED OR THROUGH UNWILLINGNESS FIGHT FELLOW PORTUGUESE. DEPUTY POLICE COMMANDER'S ONLY COMMENT TO CONGEN LAST NIGHT WAS THAT "SITUATION IS UNSTABLE."

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SITUATION IS STILL CONFUSED, IT APPEARS WHITE-DOMINATED RIGHTIST POLITICAL PARTIES AND "DRAGONS OF DEATH" ARE MAKING LAST DITCH EFFORT TO BLOCK TRANSFER OF POWER TO FRELIMO. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN AND STILL IS NO VIOLENCE, SERIOUS DANGER OF BLACK/WHITE OR WHITE/WHITE CONFRONTATION EXISTS, RESULTING IN WIDESPREAD CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN URBAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AREAS.

MORNING VOA REPORT STATED PORTUGUESE ARMY COMMANDER HAD ORDERED TROOPS TO RESTORE RADIO STATION. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT GENERAL BARBOSA IS STILL IN NAMPULA AND AS OF 8:15 A.M. LOCAL TIME MAIN RADIO STATION STILL BROADCASTING FOR MOVEMENT FOR FREE MOZAMBIQUE.

8. SINCE DISSIDENT GROUP HAS CONTROL OF RADIO, NEWS REPORTS

OUT OF MOZAMBIQUE SHOULD BE TREATED WITH UTMOST CAUTION,
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